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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2001, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims

Please replace claims 1 and 2 as shown below. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.

A low-emission adhesive based on an aqueous, protective-colloid-free 1. polymer dispersion or water-redispersible dispersion powders, obtainable therefrom, of vinyl ester-ethylene copolymers containing free ca/boxylic acid groups, obtainable by free-radically initiated emulsion polymerization, in aqueous medium and in the presence of at least one emulsifier, of a comonomer mixture comprising

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